

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A wall-coating material comprising as its major ingredient a wood powder contained at from 55 % to 90 % by weight and blended with a natural binder such as starch, and further comprising as minor ingredients a fungicide and/or an antiseptic, a flame retardant powder, and at least one pigments.

2. (Original) A wall-coating material as defined in claim 1, wherein the binder is contained at 20 % by weight or less, and powders of the fungicide and/or antiseptic are contained at 4 % by weight or less, and a powder of the flame retardant is contained at 15 % by weight or less, with the pigments being natural pigments contained at 6 % by weight or less.

3. (Currently Amended) A wallpaper comprising a flexible sheet such as a paper sheet, a cloth piece or a non-woven fabric piece that has either side to which the wall-coating material as defined in claim 1 or 2 and having been kneaded with water is applied and dried.

4. (Currently Amended) A wall-forming material comprising a building part such as a plate, a columnar piece, a concrete block, a brick or a plaster board to which the wall-coating material as defined in claim 1 or 2 is applied and dried.